



**California Emergency Management Agency  
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**CHILDREN'S JUSTICE ACT TASK FORCE  
REQUEST FOR MEMBERS**

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The California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) administers the federal Children's Justice Act (CJA) grant funds for the State of California. Funds are utilized to develop innovative programs to improve the investigation, prosecution and judicial handling of child abuse and neglect cases. The California CJA Task Force (Task Force) is responsible for making recommendations to CalEMA regarding policies, programs, and funding which improve the system's handling of these cases.

The Task Force is composed of professionals who have knowledge and expertise in the areas of criminal justice and child abuse. In order to be in compliance with (and exceed) the federal composition requirements, the CalEMA is seeking a new task force member from each of the following professions:

- **Civil or Criminal Judge;**
- **Prosecutor;**
- **Law Enforcement;**
- **Child Protective Services;**
- **Court Appointed Special Advocate;**
- **Professional working with Children with Disabilities; and**
- **Former Foster Youth (21 years or older).**

Task Force members are appointed by the CalEMA Secretary, or his designee. Members are expected to attend regularly scheduled Task Force meetings held quarterly in Sacramento and Southern California; members are reimbursed for their travel expenses. CJA Task Force members participate in the following types of activities:

- Identify, raise and discuss critical issues within the field of children's justice and child abuse;
- Provide program and funding recommendations to the CalEMA;
- Develop policy recommendations related to children's justice and child abuse issues;
- Review and be prepared to discuss Task Force meeting agenda items, meeting minutes, and supplemental documentation;
- Assist the CalEMA staff in the preparation of the annual CJA performance report, application for funds, and the three-year California assessment report; and
- Represent and provide relevant information from the specific field for which he/she has been appointed.

Interested parties should send a letter of interest and resume or curriculum vitae, clearly identifying the discipline of the position they are interested in, by May 20, 2009 to:

**California Emergency Management Agency  
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Attn: Leigh Bills, Victim/Witness Section**

**Or via e-mail to: [Leigh.Bills@oes.ca.gov](mailto:Leigh.Bills@oes.ca.gov)**

The CalEMA intends to have new members appointed to the CJA Task Force by the end of September 2009. When appropriate contact information is available, the CalEMA will notify interested parties when an appointment has been made. **For more information please contact Leigh Bills at (916) 324-7202 or via e-mail at [Leigh.Bills@oes.ca.gov](mailto:Leigh.Bills@oes.ca.gov).**